



Community Newsletter

October 2026 • Bnaakwii Giizis “Falling Leaves Moon”

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- Hallowe'en Costume Bingo
- Honouring LGBTQ2S: Pride Trivia
- Annual Diabetes Day Event

Aanii Kina Wiya,

As the leaves begin to turn, this is a meaningful and active time for our community, offering numerous opportunities to connect, learn, remember, and celebrate together. We hope that all students returning to studies and school continue to have a safe and productive return back to your studies.

We begin the month carrying forward important reflections from September, including our Annual General Membership Meeting on September 27 and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, which brought our community together for a morning of remembrance and solidarity at the powwow grounds.

Our calendar remains full of important gatherings and community activities throughout October. On the administrative and operational front, please review the recent notice regarding transfer station changes for local businesses. Looking ahead, community members are invited to participate in a Cemetery Planning Session on October 14 to help shape future planning and care for our resting grounds.

We will also unite for the Sisters in Spirit Vigil on October 5 to honor and bring awareness to missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people (MMIWG2S), alongside upcoming National Day of Action events taking place at MDG.

Alongside these reflections, we are excited to see the return of our community programming. Anishinaabemowin classes are officially back and will be held every Tuesday, offering a welcoming space for all skill levels to engage in learning and preserving our language. Finally, as the month winds down, get ready for some festive fun at our Halloween Family Bingo Night, complete with exciting prizes for the best costumes.

Miigwech, Chief Larry Roque

Wahnapiatae First Nation Centre of Excellence

259 Taighwenini Trail Rd. Capreol, ON P0M 1H0
Phone: (705) 858-0610 Fax: (705) 858-5570

Hours:

Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Closed Fridays and Statutory Holidays

For the most up to date community information, notices, events and updates, visit wahnapiataefn.ca.

Members Portal

Register to access to member documents, surveys, votes and more.



E-notices

Receive member documents, surveys, votes and more by email.

How can we reach you?

Scan to complete a survey.



Contact or visit us for copies or assistance.

✉ communications@wahnapiataefn.com

Do you have questions, comments or suggestions, want to share something in our newsletter?

✉ communications@wahnapiataefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610 Ext: 234

The Wahnapiatae First Nation Community Newsletter is published on the last Thursday of every month.

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 [*Download the 6 month meeting calendar in the Members Portal!](#)



Chief & Council

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 26

 **ELDER'S LOUNGE & ZOOM**  **6:00 PM**

Members wishing to attend via Zoom can find the link to register at:



wahnapitaefn.ca/members-login

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is October 19.
- Registration is only open to WFN members who are over 18. Virtual attendees must use their legal name when joining the meeting.
- Once registered, prior to meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom Meeting.
- In-person members are welcome to attend and listen to regular Chief and Council meetings for updates.
- To be added to the meeting agenda for a 10-minute time slot, submit your request at least 7 days before the meeting date (in accordance with the Governance Procedure Policy). Request submissions can be made in the following ways:
 - In writing and dropped off at the Band Office during office hours
 - By email to Executive Assistant Jenn Brazier at jenn.brazier@wahnapitaefn.com
 - By phone at 705-858-0610, extension 259.
 - Be sure to include your preferred contact information so your request can be confirmed.



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Wahnapiitaa First Nation



General Membership MEETING 2026

IN PERSON & ONLINE ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

SCAN HERE
FOR ONLINE
MEETING LINK



📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 🌐 ONLINE

🕒 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM DOORS OPEN 9:30 AM

Members 18+ only, membership ID required. Lunch and refreshments provided.

When requesting to add to the meeting agenda please refer to the Governance & Procedure Policy sections: **Page 15 Section 4.1 (b) Frequency and Notice:** Council shall notify members of a General Membership meeting, in writing, at least thirty (30) days before the General Membership meeting, and the notice shall attach a preliminary agenda and a request for topics from Members; and (i) Members shall have fifteen (15) days to submit topics to be added to the agenda; (ii) Members shall submit any such topics in writing to the Executive Director's Delegate; (iii) The Executive Director's Delegate shall add any topics to the final agenda to be dispersed at the General Membership meeting. **And Page 16 Section 4.5: Motions** (a) A Member or Council wishing to propose a motion during a General Membership meeting shall secure the placement of the matter related to the motion on the agenda in accordance with the process outlined in 4.1 (b) A motion proposed by a Member for consideration at a General Membership meeting (i) Shall be read aloud at the General Membership meeting; (ii) Must not conflict or contravene a law, policy, or procedure of the First Nation; however, a Member may by motion seek an amendment of a law, policy or procedure of the First Nation; (iii) Requires a seconder; (iv) Is carried if at least 50% + 1 of those Members present (virtually or in-person) and voting at a General Membership meeting with quorum vote in favour of it; (c) A motion carried at a General Membership meeting is not binding on the First Nation; however, Council must consider the motion at its next regular meeting or at a proximate special meeting; (d) Once the quorum of 5% at a General Membership meeting has been established, then a quorum will be considered achieved throughout the meeting; (e) Council shall approve and sign the minutes of each General Membership meeting and a signed copy of such minutes shall be distributed at the next General Membership meeting.

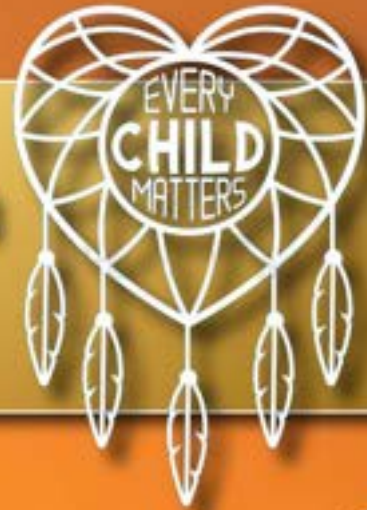
Deadline to add to meeting agenda: Wednesday, September 9th. Agenda to be posted in Members Portal.

For additions to the agenda and more information please contact:

📧 Jenn.Brazier@wahnapiitaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-0610 Ext. 259



National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

🕒 7:00 AM 📍 POW-WOW GROUNDS (139 LOONWAY RD.)

Join us for Sunrise and Pipe Ceremonies, followed by a Pancake Breakfast, Hand Drumming, Beach Rock Painting and Canvas Banner Hand Prints, concluding with an Awareness Walk to MDG for Lunch.

For more information please contact:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

GOOD FOOD

OCTOBER

ORDER: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Pick-Up: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

SMALL BOX \$10 LARGE BOX \$21

To order or for more information:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610



Hand Drum

Group
Mondays



📍 The Gazebo ⌚ 6-8pm

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

For more info please contact:

✉ Lori.Corbieri@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610



Nutrition

BINGO

Thursday, October 8

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM

Dinner served at 5:00 PM followed by Bingo at 5:30 PM.

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

*All prizes must be accepted as awarded.
No cash substitutions, exchanges, or refunds will be provided.

HALLOWE'EN Photo Contest

Submit your spooky fun photo to have
your name entered in a draw.

Submissions due by Monday, November 2:

✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 920-9106





JOB FAIR

MEET CONTRACTORS TO LEARN ABOUT:



Waasmoowin & Hydro One Transmission Line Project



Employment Opportunities



Hiring Requirements & Qualifications



Training & Funding Supports

Thursday, October 15

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 4-8 PM

Open to everyone. Light dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉️ Lilli.Doughty@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 562 2019



waasmoowin
Opportunities and
Consultation Council





Breaking the Silence: Human Trafficking Statistics, Realities, & Safety in Ontario

Human trafficking is often perceived as an invisible crime existing only in the shadows. In reality, it operates right in our backyards. Across Canada, Ontario serves as a primary hub for human trafficking, accounting for over half of all police-reported cases nationwide. Understanding this crisis, recognizing the warning signs, and implementing robust community prevention measures are crucial steps toward protecting vulnerable populations.

The Scope of the Crisis: Statistics Canada highlights that Ontario accounts for roughly 58% of all police-reported human trafficking incidents in Canada. Major urban centers and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) act as primary focal points due to dense populations, extensive highway systems, and major international transit hubs like Pearson Airport.

Demographically, data reveals stark vulnerabilities:

- **Gender and Age Disparities:** Approximately 93% of identified victims are women and girls, with nearly two-thirds under 25. The

average age of initial recruitment is just 13 years old.

- **Citizenship:** Roughly 63% of victims trafficked within Ontario are Canadian citizens, frequently targeted from local foster care systems, Indigenous communities, or economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **Relationship Dynamics:** Data shows that 35% of victims are targeted by intimate partners, while others are manipulated through psychological grooming by acquaintances or fake modeling networks.

While historical cases primarily involved sexual exploitation, recent data from the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline highlights a significant surge in forced labor trafficking targeting migrant and precarious workers.

How Recruitment Happens

Traffickers rarely capture victims by physical force in public. Instead, they rely on grooming—a systematic process of building trust and creating psychological dependency. Predators heavily utilize social media platforms and gaming chat rooms to target youth experiencing isolation

*Seal Skin
Red Dress*

BEADED EARRINGS WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY
Resilient Inuk

Saturday, October 10

🕒 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 1-3pm

Lunch and refreshments provided. Limit of 15 seats.
Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 6.

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-0610

or family conflict. Once trust is established, they trap victims through debt bondage, emotional coercion, and isolation from support systems.



Prevention & Safety Strategies

Combating human trafficking requires a community-wide approach combining education and individual awareness.

1. Education and Open Dialogue

Prevention begins with open conversations regarding healthy relationships and digital safety. Young people must understand that online offers for modeling or quick wealth are frequently predatory traps.

2. Protecting Digital Footprints

Because grooming starts online, families should establish healthy digital boundaries. Monitor for sudden behavioral changes, unexplained expensive gifts, or secrecy regarding devices.

3. Community Vigilance

Recognizing red signs includes noticing if someone appears fearful around a companion, lacks control over their identification or money, shows signs of physical abuse, or frequently disappears from social networks.

4. Knowing Where to Turn

If someone is in immediate danger, call 911. For confidential support or to report tips anonymously, contact the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-833-900-1010, available 24/7.

Human trafficking thrives in silence. By educating ourselves and keeping our eyes open, we can help dismantle these networks and protect our most vulnerable community members.



RHT Trust Deed Presentation & Committee Discussion

Saturday, October 24, 2026

🕒 10am-1pm 📍 Maan Doosh Gamig
Lunch and refreshments provided.

🌐 Virtual
Attendance
Available ➔



SCAN HERE

**For registered band members only, please
bring or present valid status card or ID. To register
for virtual attendance in advance, please visit:**
🌐 wahnapiataefn.ca/members-login

For questions and more information please contact:
✉ Melissa.Brideau@wahnapiataefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line Community Open House



Illustration by Storm Angeconeb

Join Hydro One and Wahnapiatae First Nation
to learn more about the project

**Food and
refreshments
will be
provided!**

You are invited to a community drop-in information session to share a meal and learn more on the proposed **Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line project**. The Hydro One project team will be available to share information, answer questions, and hear your feedback.

Hydro One works with First Nations in a spirit of cooperation and shared responsibility. The proposed transmission line will be developed in partnership with First Nations to help strengthen reliability and prepare the system for future growth.

For more information

Lilli Doughty

lilli.doughty@wahnapiataefn.com

Amy Shelton

*Coordinator, Indigenous Partnerships
and Business Development*

Amy.Shelton@HydroOne.com

Event overview

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Time: 4:00 pm

Venue: Wahnapiatae First Nation Band Office
259 Taighwenini Trail Rd, Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

**Door
prizes
to be
won!**

S U D B U R Y B A R R I E T R A N S M I S S I O N L I N E




Ribbon Hoodies

WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 17
 ☎ MAAN DOOSH GAMIG ☎ 9AM-3PM
 Lunch and refreshments provided. Limit of 10 seats.
 Please RSVP with your sweater size by Tuesday, October 13.
 ☎ Sue.Roque@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 858-0610



JOIN US TO
RECOGNIZE WORLD

Mental Health Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
 ☎ MAAN DOOSH GAMIG ☎ 10AM-12PM

TO RSVP OR FOR INFO PLEASE CONTACT:
 ☎ HEATHER.ROY@WAHNAPIETAEFN.COM
 ☎ (705) 858-0610



SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.

Together, we keep our communities safe.

Report concerns to police at 1-888-310-1122 or
anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Teen Talk TRIP

ESCAPE • ROOM

Friday, October 16
 ☎ Departing Centre of Excellence at ☎ 5pm
 Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 13.
 ☎ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 858-0610





THEY'RE BACK!

Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games

*Language Learning Classes Co-Facilitated by
Debbie Recollet & Debbie Plain-McGregor*

Tuesday Evenings

📍 Elders Lounge ⌚ 6-7:45pm

TIME CHANGE

Starting 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 29

Open to everyone, light snacks and refreshments provided.
RSVP required for material and food purposes, please contact:
📧 Sue.Roque@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

Soup's On!



TUESDAYS

OCTOBER 6, 13 & 20

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG
☎ (705) 858-0610

ORDER BY 11:00 AM PICK-UP BY 12:00 PM

BY DONATION ONLY. ALL PROCEEDS OF SOUPS ON! CONTRIBUTE TO
COMMUNITY PROJECTS & STUDENT BURSARIES.



Diabetic Breakfast Club

Wednesday, October 7 & 21

📍 MDG ⌚ 9:30-10am

Please RSVP by October 6:

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610

CONGREGATE DINING

ELDERS 55+

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT | RSVP by Tuesday, September 29

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM

To RSVP or for more information:

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com

📧 Samantha.Tyson@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ 705-858-0610



Notice:

Transfer Station Changes for Local Commercial Businesses

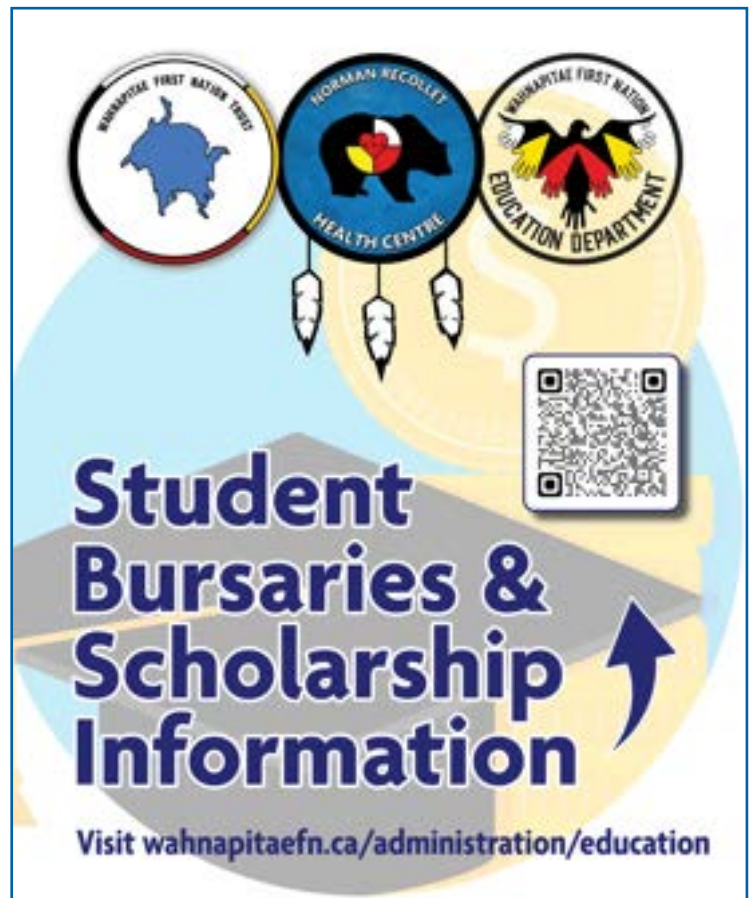
Dear Local Business Owners,

With construction of the Wahnapiatae First Nation (WFN) Transfer Station underway, we would like to inform local commercial businesses of upcoming changes that will take effect once the new facility is in operation. Under the new policies associated with the transfer station, commercial businesses will no longer be permitted to dispose of waste at the landfill or transfer station. This applies to any business that is not band-owned. These businesses will be responsible for arranging disposal of their general waste and recycling.

WFN understands that this change may create challenges for some businesses. WFN is open to having a meeting and discussing potential disposal options or agreements and willing to assist by helping align businesses with third-party contractors as needed.

An additional notice will be sent as the completion of the transfer station approaches. In the meantime, if you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Cody Kramp at cody.kramp@wahnapiataefn.com.

Sincerely,
Cody Kramp
Waste Diversion Superintendent
Wahnapiatae First Nation





Seniors Outing

MOVIE day

Wednesday, October 14
 Departing Centre of Excellence at 1pm

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 13
 📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapiataefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



Social Sensory Kits

Register Monthly

INDEPENDENT FUN WAHNAPIITAE FIRST NATION FAMILY FUN

Call/Text Natalie
 705-920-9106

Register by the 15th of every month

Safe Passage
 An Initiative of:



Hospitality & Trafficking Fact Sheet



What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking "involves the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction or influence over the movements of a person in order to exploit that person, typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour" (Department of Justice, 2020).

This can look very different from what you might expect. It isn't always obvious and there might not be any clear signs a person is a victim of trafficking. Some individuals might not even realize they are being trafficked yet.

Trafficking & Hotels/Motels

HOW TRAFFICKING & HOTELS/MOTELS ARE CONNECTED

The main reason hotels/motels are used as hubs for human trafficking is because of the anonymity they provide.

This convenient invisibility has only increased since the introduction of, and greater reliance on automated services. Rooms can be booked and people come and go through the hotel/motel without staff ever knowing the real identity or activities of their guests.

Individuals being trafficked are trained to enter and access hotels/motels without drawing attention to themselves. These victims may be extremely well-dressed and seem to 'belong.' They are taught to blend in and may have briefcases, be on a phone call, or visibly showing a key card (that may only look similar to an actual key card for that hotel).



What to Look For:

Guests with few personal items

Guests without ID

A "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door all the time

Individuals loitering in hallways

Little to no eye contact from customers

Many guests going in and out of the same hotel/motel room

Guests who pay with cash or a preloaded credit card

Guests who frequently request new linen and towels, but decline cleaning services

Guests who request rooms in areas with the least visibility



HALLOWE'EN COSTUME

BINGO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
MDG 5PM

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES

0-10 YRS

11-17 YRS

18+ YRS

RSVP BY TUESDAY, OCT 15

Dinner provided, bingo starts at 5:30 pm.

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

All prizes must be accepted as awarded. No cash substitutions, exchanges, or refunds will be provided.

ONTARIO ROAD LAWS

for ATVs, UTVs & SIDE-BY-SIDES (ORVs)

Special Territory Notice: All Wahnapiatae land is private property, and roads are permitted to be used by off-road vehicles (ORVs) in compliance with safety laws and requirements.

DRIVER & RIDER REQUIREMENTS

- AGE & LICENCE: Must be **16+ years old** with a **valid G2, M2** or full licence.
- SAFETY HELMET: Driver and all passengers **must wear** an approved, securely fastened helmet.
- SEAT BELTS: If equipped on your UTV/Side-by-Side, they **must be worn** by all occupants at all times.

VEHICLE COMPLIANCE & SAFETY

- REGISTRATION & PLATE: Must be registered with a valid **rear licence plate** cleanly displayed.
- INSURANCE: Must be fully covered under a **valid motor vehicle liability policy**.
- LIGHTS ON: Headlights and tail lights **must be turned on** at all times while on public roads.
- COMPLIANCE LABEL: The vehicle must feature a visible manufacturer compliance label.

RULES OF THE ROAD

- WHERE TO RIDE: Drive **on the shoulder** in the same direction as traffic. Move to the far right lane only if the shoulder is unsafe or blocked.
- PROHIBITED ROADS: **Strictly banned** from 400-series highways, the QEW, and specific sections of the Trans-Canada Highway.
- MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS: You can **only ride** on local municipal roads if that specific municipality has passed a local by-law allowing it.
- PASSENGERS: Passengers must be **8+ years old**. Passengers are **strictly prohibited** on standard single-rider ATVs on public roads.

STRICT SPEED LIMITS

- MAX 20 KM/H: On public roads where the posted speed limit is **50 km/h or less**. MAX 50 KM/H: On public roads where the posted speed limit is **greater than 50 km/h**.

ONTARIO OFF-ROAD LAWS

for ATVs, UTVs & SIDE-BY-SIDES (ORVs)

DOCUMENTATION CARRYING

- You must carry the ORV's registration permit (or a true copy) and valid proof of insurance with you **at all times** while operating the vehicle.

TRAIL & CROWN LAND RULES:

- When riding off-road on designated local trails or Crown land, stay strictly on **authorized paths**.
- Always obtain explicit landowner permission **before driving on private property**.

OFF-ROAD AGE EXEMPTIONS

- While on-road driving requires a driver to be 16+ with a valid G2/M2 licence, off-road operation (such as on private lands or designated trails) permits drivers aged 12 and older, provided they are **under direct adult supervision**.

RESPONSIBLE OPERATION

- Operating an ORV while impaired by alcohol or drugs is **strictly illegal**.
- Always ride according to current weather, terrain, and trail conditions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- It is **strongly recommended** to carry basic safety gear when heading off-road, including a tool kit, first aid supplies, a tow rope, a communication device, and proper eye protection.

Wahnapiatae First Nation encourages all members and visitors to review and follow local laws and regulations. Happy riding!



Individual and Family Therapy and Counselling

With Kevin McPhee at the NRHC:
Aboriginal Health Access Centre

With 40 years of experience as a therapist, I have dedicated my career to supporting individuals and families through diverse and complex challenges. My professional journey includes 30 years in pediatric psychiatric settings and a deep, ongoing commitment to working with First Nations communities since 1989.

In 2002, I completed a postgraduate specialization in family and couples therapy, which remains a cornerstone of my international practice. Beyond clinical work, I have shared my expertise as an instructor at the college, university, and medical school levels, and I frequently serve as an expert witness for the courts regarding parenting and parent-child relationships. I remain incredibly passionate about this field and am truly honored to bring my global experience to your local community. I look forward to the opportunity to work alongside you and support your well-being.



Available Upcoming Appointment Dates:

- September 9 & 10
- September 23 & 24
- October 7 & 8
- October 21 & 22
- November 7 & 8
- November 21 & 22
- December 2 & 3
- December 16 & 17



family therapy



individual therapy

Call to book today. ☎ (705) 858-7700



TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK 2026



E'SHKINIIGIJIG BI-BZIGWIIWAG | *The Youth Are Rising*

This November, Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin, in partnership with Laurentian University, will host Treaties Recognition Week 2026 in N'Swakamok (Sudbury). This year's theme, *E'shkiniigijig Bi-bzigwiiwag, The Youth Are Rising*, calls on us to come together in unity, honour our ancestors, and uplift the next generation as they carry the Treaty forward.

» *SAVE the DATE*

NOVEMBER 2-6, 2026

**Laurentian University
Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre
935 Ramsey Lake Rd, Sudbury ON**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- » Geteh shkode (fire teachings)
- » Pipe teachings
- » Wampum teachings
- » Education booths
- » Panel discussions



Indigenous Student Affairs
Affaires étudiantes autochtones
Enji-Naadmaagaazwad Eknoomaagidjig



Laurentian University
Université Laurentienne

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Tristen Schneider, Events & Engagement Coordinator
Tristen@waawiindamaagewin.com

waawiindamaagewin.com



Bannock Baking & Crafts

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5-7pm

RSVP by Monday, October 5

Dinner and refreshments provided.
For questions or more information please contact:
✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com
☎ (705) 920-9106



Wahnapitae First Nation



Community Cemetery

PLANNING SESSION

Wednesday, October 14

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5-7pm

Light dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:
✉ Sam.Corbieri@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

HUNTERS' (PAL) POSSESSION ACQUISITION LICENCE COURSE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

OCTOBER 3-4

⌚ 10 AM 📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

FREE for registered WFN members.
Must be 12+ and pre-register by October 1.

Limited to 12 participants. Must complete both days to receive licence.

To register or for more information:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com
☎ (705) 858-0610



PRIDE TRIVIA

Honouring 2 Spirit LGBTQ Voices

Monday, October 19

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 10AM

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 15.

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610



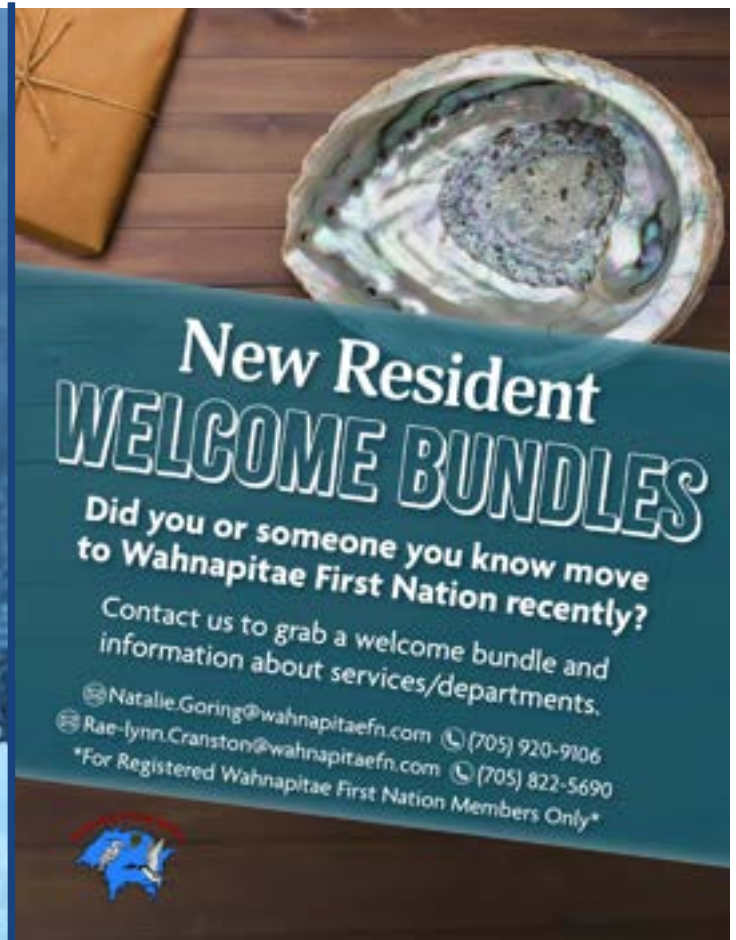


WINTER Photo Contest

Submit a fun photo enjoying the winter weather
to have your name entered in a draw.

Submissions due by Sunday, January 11:
 📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 920-9106





New Resident WELCOME BUNDLES

Did you or someone you know move
to Wahnapietae First Nation recently?

Contact us to grab a welcome bundle and
information about services/departments.

📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 920-9106
 📧 Rae-lynn.Cranston@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 822-5690
 For Registered Wahnapietae First Nation Members Only





Online Job Board

Employment, Education and Training

WWW.WAHNAPIETAEFN.CA




HEALTHY SNACKS

BOX PICK UP DATES

August 11	September 8	October 6
November 10	December 8	

📍 **Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Rd)**
 ⌚ **3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

For sign up and information please contact:
 📧 Raelynn.Cranston@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 822-5690



Volunteer

with the NRHC Clinic

Share your story, wisdom, or lived experience to help and inspire fellow community members. We are building a volunteer directory so clients can connect directly with someone they relate to.

Who We Are Looking For

- Wahnapiatae First Nation members or household members (18+)
- Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and community members willing to share guidance
- Ojibway speakers (please highlight this in your bio!)
- Individuals committed to the 7 Grandfather Teachings

How It Works

Volunteers will be featured in a resource list with a photo and short biography, allowing clients to reach out when they need someone to talk to.

Interested in joining? Give us a call or stop by today.

☎ (705) 858-7700 📍 190 Loonway Road



YOUR VOICE. OUR LEARNERS. OUR FUTURE.

CALL FOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kinoomaagewin Maawanji'diwag

Up to 6 positions available

Help shape the future of education in WFN.

The Education Committee brings learner and community perspectives into discussions about education policy, strategic direction, learner supports, emerging needs, community engagement, and long-term education planning. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to Chief and Council and the Education Department.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR WFN MEMBERS WITH A RANGE OF PERSPECTIVES

Applicants should have an interest in education or relevant lived experience as a learner, parent or caregiver, Elder, educator, or community advocate. Voting members must be members of WFN.

YOU DO NOT NEED FORMAL ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Meetings held monthly.

Compensation provided in accordance with WFN policy.

APPLY BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Questions/Contact

Nathan St-Germain, RSSW
Education Services Manager
nathan.stgermain@wahnapietefn.com





Survey

Strip Mall: Tenant Interest



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Member Survey

Traditional Medicines

Physical copies available at the NRHC Clinic and
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Member Survey Branding Realignment



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Member Survey Community Traditional Naming Initiative



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**Anishinabek Nation
Giizisoo-Mzinigan
2026 Calendars &
Pow-Wow Guide**
*Available at the
Centre of Excellence*



YOUTH
**Game
Night**

Wednesday, October 21

⌚ Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 4-6pm

Please RSVP by Oct. 19. Dinner and refreshments provided.

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



WE'RE HIRING!

APPLY TODAY! ANISHINABEKPOLICE.CA



Notice:

NO Winter Storage of Boats on Lots

Boats cannot be stored on park lots over the winter, you must either take them home or use the storage facility on Taighwenini Trail Road.

For questions or more information please contact:
Dave Nicholls ☎ (705) 919-5191



ServiceOntario TRAILER SCHEDULE: WAHNAPIITAE FIRST NATION



Thursday, November 12
⌚ 3-7 PM

📍 Elders Lounge
259 Taighwenini Trail Road

Contact: info@niigaaniin.com

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS! NIIGAANIIN



Please bring the following:

- One piece of government ID
- Your expired health card/drivers license



Mobile Service

Renew your health card, drivers license
and benefit from our new MTO services
at Niigaaniin Services Mobile
ServiceOntario Trailer.

The NRHC Wellness team is looking for recipes to make a Wahnapiitae Cook Book!

Please send your recipes to:
✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com
☎ (705) 858-0610





Mashkawendamowin Gitigaan

"Garden of Inner Strength"

Call for Committee Members

For more information and to register please contact:
 Sue.Roque@wahnapietaefn.com  (709) 858-0610






Do you have news to share with the community?

We want to hear it!

How to Enter: Submit a short write-up and photo (no more than 200 words and 5-10 photos max) about a positive and impactful event or story happening in your community on or off-reserve. This could be anything from a new local business opening, sales or promotions, community workshops, a successful fundraising event, a member's achievement, or a kind act that made a difference.

 communications@wahnapietaefn.com

MONTHLY DRAWS
Win a \$50 Amazon gift card!

Safe Passage
An Initiative of:



Native Women's
Association of Canada
L'Association des
femmes autochtones
du Canada

Colonial Violence Fact Sheet

Violence Against Indigenous Women & Girls

Indigenous women and girls who live in Canada are **six times more likely** than non-Indigenous women to be victims of homicide (*Global Indigenous Council, 2020*).

They are **three times more likely** to experience violence than non-Indigenous women (*Newfoundland & Labrador, 2020*), and **three times more likely** to experience sexual assault (*Department of Justice, 2017*).

Additionally, data indicates that **51% of trafficked women in Canada are Indigenous**, despite making up less than 5% of Canada's overall population (*Canadian Women's Foundation, 2014*).



These alarming rates of violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls are rooted in colonialism (the practice of taking over parts or all of another land or country in order to exploit the land, resources, and people). While many people think of colonialism as a thing of the past, it is actually a complex system that continues to influence the lives of Indigenous Peoples today.



Colonial Roots of Violence & Trafficking

Colonialism is a system that perpetuates the idea that settlers are superior to, and have the right to take from and rule over Indigenous Peoples.

Until 1834, settlers even bought and sold Indigenous people as slaves (*Sikka, 2010*). Because Indigenous women were seen as 'unhuman,' sexual violence against them became normal and was never punished. This colonial hierarchy persists today and influences how Canada's governments and systems operate, including laws, policies and practices.

As a result, Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people often face racism and indifference when they most need support and protection.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Black&McDonald

ABOUT THE CONTEST

The Hanmer TS Project is inviting local Indigenous artists to create a unique logo that represents community, connection, culture, and a shared vision for the future. This contest is an opportunity to showcase creativity

Theme: Powering
the Future Together



This competition is open exclusively to members of Wahnapiitae First Nation and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation.

PRIZES

1st Place — \$1,000
2nd Place — \$500
3rd Place — \$300
4th–10th Place — \$100 Each

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

JAN 31ST 2027

ABOUT THE HANMER TS PROJECT

The Hanmer TS (Transformer Station) Project is an electrical infrastructure project that helps deliver reliable electricity to homes, businesses, and communities. The project supports growth, connection, and a stronger future for the region.

Please submit your logo design to the following email address:

anazari@blackandmcdonald.com

Submission Deadline: Jan 31st 2027

Seniors T.L.C. Tuesdays

October 6, 13 & 20

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig OR Elders Lounge ⌚ 1-3 PM

Cards, snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



Senior Activity Kits

OCTOBER

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the drumstick on the end of the stick that you glued, snugly fit to right, off on stick without pulling.
2. Cut the drumstick on end of paddle and put down stick and hold using special drilling. This step will be very tightly around the drumstick and stick. Subscribers, for all you seniors at the Wabigoon First Nation.

Drum Stick Kit

Contact Heather to sign-up
by Thursday, October 1.

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610

*Must be a senior and signed up to receive kits.



RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PICK-UP ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Bring your bags to 📍 MDG from ⌚ 1-5pm.

To RSVP and for more information:

📧 Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700



OFFICES CLOSED

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
THANKSGIVING



Quill Medallion WORKSHOP

Friday, November 6

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 🕒 9AM-5PM

Lunch and refreshments provided.

Limit of 10 seats. Please RSVP by November 2.

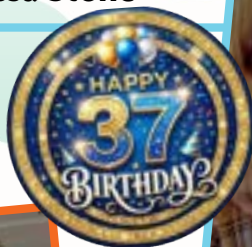
✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com

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Mino Dibishkaan

Happy Birthday

Melissa Stone



Marilyn Nicholls



Amanda Pageau



Sam Corbiere



Happy Birthday!

NEWSLETTER SHOUT OUTS!



Submit to communications@wahnapietaefn.com



Winter Break Activity Kits

For children, youth and teens.
Please RSVP by Friday, November 20

For questions or more information please contact:
Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com
(705) 920-9106



Stay Connected



Make sure you never miss an update or notice by registering for E-Notices, creating a Members Portal account, and keeping your mailing information up to date.

E-Notices Registration:



→ <https://cutt.ly/wfn-enotices>

Members Portal Registration:



→ <https://wahnapietaefn.ca/members-login>

Update Mailing Address:

→ Contact Membership Clerk:

emily.roque@wahnapietaefn.com
(705) 858-0610 ext. 201

Visit www.wahnapietaefn.ca for the most up to date information, notices and events.

Need assistance? (705) 858-0610 ext. 234
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Wahnapitae
First Nation Trust
~ Mino-Bimaadiziwin ~
the Good Life Grant

Apply Today for \$500!

Wahnapitae First Nation members are invited to apply for
the Good Life Grant (Mino-Bimaadiziwin).

This grant supports general health and wellness allowing
you to pursue living a good life.

- ✓ Open to Wahnapitae First Nation members
- ✓ Support your goals and well-being

Apply now and invest in your well-being!

Or for more information e-mail → Trustinfo@wahnapitaefn.com



DISCUSSION: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**

📍 **Elder's Lounge** ⌚ **1:30 pm**

Pick up your copies from Heather by Thursday, October 1.

✉️ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610

Wellness Wednesdays

October 7 ⌚ **10am-12pm** 📍 **MDG**
HPV Prevention Info Session

October 14 ⌚ **10am-12pm** 📍 **Elder's Lounge**
Domestic Violence Info Session

October 21 ⌚ **10am-12pm** 📍 **MDG**
Breast Cancer Info Session

For more information and to RSVP please contact:
✉️ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610

Family CRAFT NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** ⌚ **5-7pm**

Dinner and refreshments provided.
RSVP by Sunday, November 1.

For questions or more information please contact:
✉️ Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com
☎️ (705) 920-9106

Social Services presents

MONTHLY ELDERS HEALTHY BINS

PICK UP:
178 Loonway Rd
2:00-5:30 PM

Sept 29 **Oct 27** **Nov 24**

To sign up contact **Rae-Lynn Cranston** 705-822-5690 📞



Cellphone Service Provider Fraud



The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) is receiving reports of criminals pretending to be cellphone service providers. They may claim to work for a victim's current provider and offer a discount, upgraded plan or new device. The threat actors may guide victims to log in to their real cellphone account while they remain on the phone. They may then ask for account details, security codes or other personal information.

In other cases, criminals may convince victims to open an account with a different service provider and obtain a new cellphone or tablet. They may ask victims to provide identification, such as a driver's licence or Social Insurance Number (SIN), to complete the order. Once the device is delivered, the fraudster may claim that the wrong item was sent and instruct the victim to ship it to another address. The device and personal information may then be used to commit fraud or identity theft.

Warning signs

- You receive an unexpected call, text message or email offering a discount, upgraded plan or new device.
- The person pressures you to act quickly or says the offer is only available for a limited time.
- You are asked to log in to your cellphone account while the caller stays on the line.
- You are asked for your account password, security code, PIN or multi-factor authentication code.
- You are asked to provide a driver's licence, Social Insurance Number or other identification.
- You are told to open an account with a different service provider.
- You receive a cellphone or tablet and are told to send it to an address provided by the caller.
- The return address is different from the verified address of the service provider.

How to protect yourself

- If someone contacts you claiming to be from your service provider, end the call and contact the company directly.
- Use the telephone number on your bill, account or the company's official website.
- Do not use contact information provided by the caller.
- Never share passwords, PINs, security codes or multi-factor authentication codes.
- Do not provide personal or financial information during an unexpected call, text message or email.
- Do not log in to your account while an unknown caller is guiding you.
- Before opening a new account or accepting a device, confirm the offer directly with the service provider.
- If you receive a device you did not order, contact the service provider directly and confirm the correct return process.
- Never ship a cellphone or tablet to an address provided by an unknown caller.

What to do if you've been the target of a fraud

If you believe you have been a target of fraud, contact your financial institution immediately and report the incident to your local police and the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](https://www.ca-fraud.ca/).

Butterfly Song

Traditional Drumming Song, Provided by
Lori Corbiere, Land-based Worker

Chorus:

(Lead person first time only)

Way hey-ya oo-oo-hi-ya

Way hey-ya oo-oo-hi-ya

Way hey-ya oo-oo-hi-ya

Way hey-ya oo-oo-way hey-yo
Chant (slowly and loudly):

Way-ya-ah-ah

(coincides with first two lines of
chorus)

Way-ya

(coincides with third line of
chorus)

Way-hey-ya oo-oo-way hey-yo
(joined with chorus)

About this song...

Repeat chorus throughout the song.
Lead person (or a pair or people) sings
the special chant over top the other
singers twice every two choruses.
Song can be as long as you wish.



Information

Giveaways

Swag Bags



ANNUAL Diabetes Day Event

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 📍 MDG 🕒 10AM-2PM

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 3.

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapiataefn.com 📧 Alison.Sabzali@wahnapiataefn.com
☎ (705) 858-0610 ☎ (705) 858-7700

The Norman Recollet Health Centre and Wellness Department invites community members to attend our Annual Diabetes Day, a gathering focused on education, prevention, wellness, and support for those living with diabetes and their families.

This annual event offers an opportunity to learn about diabetes management, healthy lifestyle choices, and local health resources while connecting with others in a supportive and welcoming environment. Through shared learning and community connection, we can work together toward improved health and wellness. All community members are welcome. Miigwech. We look forward to seeing you there.






Keep Your Pets Safe

Please respect your neighbours and remember to

- keep your animals in your yard
- keep them leashed on walks
- "poop and scoop"
- avoid letting them bark for long periods of time



For stray or loose dogs, please call:



Call: 705-673-0055 (3647) or
Toll Free: 1-800-839-6661
811 St. Agnes St. West
Box 640
Aurora, ON
M1W 1A2

www.rdshester.ca

nancy.debassige@wahnapietaefn.com
705 822-1956

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO
WEATHER, OR UNFORSEEN
CIRCUMSTANCES
PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TO
HAVE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN
PLACE IF CHILDCARE IS REQUIRED

SCHEDULE:

ASP (AGES 4-11)
Monday to Wednesday
3:30pm-5:30pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Wahnapiitae First Nation

October 2026 • Bnaakwii Giizis Community Events



Niizhwaaso-Giizhigad	Ntam-Giizhigad	Niizho-Giizhigad	Nso-Giizhigad	Niiwo-Giizhigad	Naano-Giizhigad	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigad
27 • Annual General Membership Meeting-9:30am Online attendance available	28 • Hand Drum Group - 6pm	29 • Soup's ON! -12pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm • Seniors Activity Kits RSVP Deadline	30 • National Truth & Reconciliation Day - 7am  OFFICES CLOSED	1 • Congregate Dining-5pm <i>RSVP Sep 29</i> • Seniors Activity Kits RSVP Deadline	2	3 • Hunters PAL Course-10am RSVP Oct 1
Hallowe'en Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, November 2.						
4	5 • Hand Drum Group - 6pm	6 • Soup's ON! -12pm • Seniors TLC-1pm • Healthy Snacks & Good Food Box PU <i>RSVP Oct 1</i> • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	7 • Diabetic Brfst Club-9:30am <i>RSVP Oct 6</i> • Wellness Wed-10am • NRHC Therapy Apts.	8 • Nutrition Bingo-5pm • NRHC Therapy Apts.	9 • Bannock & Crafts-5pm <i>RSVP Oct 5</i>	10 • Red Dress Beaded Earrings Workshop - 1pm RSVP Oct 6
Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11 Hallowe'en Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, November 2.						
11	12 • Hand Drum Group - 6pm	13 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-1pm • Hydro One Sud/Barrie Line Open House-4pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	14 • Wellness Wed-10am • Seniors Outing: Movie Day-1pm • Cemetery Planning Session-5pm	15 • Job Fair-4pm <i>Social Sensory Kits RSVP</i>	16 • Teen Talk Trip: Escape Room - 5pm	17 • Ribbon Hoodies Workshop-9am
Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11 Hallowe'en Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, November 2.						
18 • Hallowe'en Costume Bingo-5pm <i>RSVP Oct 15</i> 	19 • Pride Trivia-10am <i>RSVP Oct 15</i> • Hand Drum Group - 6pm	20 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-1pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	21 • Diabetic Brfst Club-9:30am <i>RSVP Oct 6</i> • Wellness Wed-10am • NRHC Therapy Apts. • Yth Game Nite-4pm <i>RSVP Oct 19</i>	22 • World Stroke Day-10am <i>RSVP Oct 19</i> • Book Club Mtg-1:30pm • NRHC Therapy Apts.	23	24 • RHT Trust Deed Presentation & Committee Discussion-10am
Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11 Hallowe'en Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, November 2.						
25	26 • C&C Regular Meeting - 6pm <i>RSVP Oct 19</i>	27 • Elders Healthy Snacks P/U - 2pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	28	29	30	31
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1 Family Craft Night RSVP	2 • Hand Drum Group - 6pm	3 • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm <i>Annual Diabetes Day RSVP</i>	4 • NRHC Therapy Apts.	5 • NRHC Therapy Apts.	6 • Quill Medallion Workshop-9am <i>RSVP Nov 2</i>	7
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